

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUIRY INTO)
VERIZON DELAWARE INC.'S COMPLIANCE)
WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN) PSC DOCKET NO. 02-001
47 U.S.C. § 271)
(FILED FEBRUARY 1, 2002))

ORDER NO. 6344

This 13th day of January, 2004, the Commission determines the following and enters the procedural Order set forth below:

1. In PSC Order No. 5983 (June 25, 2002), this Commission approved "Delaware Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines Performance Standards and Reports" ("DE C2C Guidelines") and a "Delaware Performance Assurance Plan" ("DE PAP") to govern Verizon Delaware Inc. ("VZ-DE"). The DE C2C Guidelines set forth various metrics to measure how well VZ-DE provides its wholesale services to competing local exchange carriers. The DE PAP document, by various methodologies, translates substandard performances by VZ-DE (as measured by the DE C2C Guidelines) into monetary liabilities for VZ-DE. Both documents are based on similar documents developed, and currently used, in New York.¹

2. The current DE PAP charges VZ-DE to bring before this Commission for consideration any changes to the NY PAP approved by the

¹See "New York State Carrier to Carrier Guidelines[,] Performance Standards and Reports," as adopted and amended in New York Public Service Commission ("NY PSC") Case 97-C-0139 ("NY C2C Guidelines"); "Performance Assurance Plan Verizon New York Inc.," as adopted and amended in NY PSC Case 99-C-0949 ("NY PAP").

NY PSC.² The current DE C2C Guidelines do not explicitly impose a similar obligation on VZ-DE in cases of revisions to the NY C2C Guidelines adopted by the NY PSC. However, in the past, VZ-DE has brought approved changes in the New York C2C Guidelines to this Commission to be considered for inclusion in the DE C2C Guidelines. See PSC Order No. 6127 (Mar. 18, 2003).

3. In PSC Order No. 6100 (Jan. 7, 2003), this Commission solicited comments from interested entities about implementing a procedural template to allow for the prompt and efficient review of proposed revisions to the DE C2C Guidelines and the DE PAP. The Commission especially sought to develop a process to allow for review of changes and amendments premised on revisions previously adopted by the NY PSC. After reviewing the comments submitted by AT&T Communications of Delaware, LLC ("AT&T"), and VZ-DE, the Commission adopts the particular procedures outlined below and contained in the several Exhibits to this Order. Those procedures are adopted informally, not as substantive standards, but as rules of procedure. See 29 Del. C. § 10113(b)(2). The procedures build upon a similar procedural template adopted by the Maryland Public Service Commission,³

²See DE PAP at pp. 25-26. See also PSC Order No. 6151 (May 6, 2003) (revising the DE PAP to conform to recent changes to the NY PAP made by the NY PSC).

³See "In the Matter of the Commission's Consideration of the Maryland Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards and Reports; and the Performance Assurance Plan of Verizon Maryland Inc.," Case No. 8916, Order No. 77988 at pp. 14-16 (MD PSC Aug. 30, 2002). Both VZ-DE and AT&T comment favorably on the Maryland template. Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC ("Cavalier") also submitted comments in response to PSC Order No. 6100. However, Cavalier's comments centered on a request for this Commission to add to the DE C2C Guidelines particular additional performance metrics related to directory and white page listings. The Commission acts on Cavalier's request for such additional metrics in part "G" of this Order.

but with some modifications and expansions consistent with past Delaware custom and practice in this area.

B. Review of DE C2C Guidelines In Light of Changes to the NY C2C Guidelines Adopted by the NY PSC

4. The procedure outlined in Exhibit "A" to this Order shall be followed when the NY PSC adopts revisions, changes, or amendments to the NY C2C Guidelines. The procedure set forth in Exhibit "A" applies whether the revision, change, or amendment adopted by the NY PSC was the result of either a "consensus" or a "non-consensus" submission to the NY PSC.

C. Review of the DE PAP In Light of Changes to the NY PAP Adopted by the NY PSC

5. The procedure outlined in Exhibit "B" to this Order shall be followed if the NY PSC adopts revisions, changes, or amendments to the NY PAP.

D. Consideration of Other Petitions to Revise, Amend, or Modify the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP

6. Any person or entity (including, but not limited to, the Division of the Public Advocate ("DPA"), VZ-DE, and any interested entity) may file a petition asking the Commission to make revisions, amendments, or modifications to either the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP. Such proposed revisions, amendments, or modifications need not be based on any revisions or amendments adopted by the NY PSC. In addition to complying with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any such petition shall contain the information described in Exhibit "C" to this Order. If such a petition is filed, the

procedure outlined in Exhibit "C" shall be followed in initially considering that petition.⁴

E. Definition of "Interested Entity" or "Interested Entities"

7. For purposes of the procedures set forth in this Order and its Exhibits relating to the obligation to serve notices, the term "interested entity" or "interested entities" shall mean:

- (a) all parties who are on the service list in this docket at the time of any filing made pursuant to Exhibits "A"-"C";
- (b) all persons or entities who, at the time of any filing made pursuant to Exhibits "A"-"C", have submitted requests to receive copies of VZ-DE's monthly performance reports under the DE C2C Guidelines; and
- (c) all persons or entities to whom VZ-DE accorded billing credits under the DE PAP at any time during the completed six-month period immediately preceding the date of the filing made pursuant to Exhibits "A"-"C".

8. A person or entity may, at any time, seek to be added to the service list in this docket. The Commission delegates to the Secretary the authority to add any person or entity as a party to the

⁴The process set forth in Exhibit "C" does not apply in instances where the Commission, on its own motion, proposes revisions, changes, or amendments to the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP. In such a situation, the procedure to be followed in considering such Commission-initiated proposals shall be set by an Order of the Commission.

service list in this matter.⁵ The Secretary shall maintain a service list in this docket that is easily available to the public.

9. If a person or entity contemplates making a filing pursuant to the procedures set forth in Exhibits "A"- "C" and does not know the identity of the persons or entities described in subparagraphs 7(b) or 7(c) above, such person shall, prior to making the filing, request the identities of such "interested entities" from VZ-DE. VZ-DE shall promptly supply to such requesting person or entity the identities of such "interested entities" for the purpose of allowing the petitioner to perform the obligation to serve notices.

F. Administration of Outlined Procedures

10. The Commission delegates to the Commission Staff the authority to superintend, and interpret, the procedures set forth in this Order and its Exhibits. The Commission Staff may review and approve the content and manner of service of any of the notices required under the outlined procedures. The Commission delegates to the Executive Director the authority for good cause, to shorten, extend, or modify the deadlines for filing materials, documents, or comments under any of the outlined procedures.

11. In addition, the Commission Staff is authorized - and encouraged - to schedule and conduct informal "workshops" concerning any filing made pursuant to the procedures set forth in Exhibits "A"- "C". At such a workshop, the Commission Staff, the DPA, interested

⁵An application to be added as a party to the service list shall denote a single contact person for the requesting party and shall provide a mailing address, a telephone number, a facsimile number, and an Internet e-mail address to be used to effectuate service on the requesting party.

entities, and others should be afforded the opportunity to explore the details surrounding the revisions sought by the particular filing.

G. Dismissal, Without Prejudice, of Cavalier's February 2003 Comments Requesting Inclusion of Additional Directory Assistance/White Pages Metrics' Remedies in the DE C2C Guidelines and the DE PAP

12. In PSC Order No. 6100 (Jan. 7, 2003), this Commission solicited comments not only about an appropriate procedural template for handling future proposals to review the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP but also whether the Commission should then adopt certain revisions to the DE C2C Guidelines based on recent New York changes. In its responsive comments filed on February 12, 2003, Cavalier did not speak to the particular pending revision or a procedural template. Instead, Cavalier asked the Commission to revise the DE C2C Guidelines to include three additional metrics related to directory listings ("DL") and white pages listings ("WP"). Cavalier's comments also asked the Commission to concurrently implement penalties and remedies to be invoked in instances where VZ-DE might fail to meet the performance standards set forth in the new DL/WP metrics. As explained by Cavalier, the three DL/WP metrics it was advancing did not reflect changes considered in the New York PSC's working group process. Rather, the proposed metrics mirror standards adopted by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for that jurisdiction's performance measures.⁶

⁶See "Final Opinion and Order on Performance Measures and Remedies for Wholesale Performance for Verizon Pennsylvania (PMO II)" at pp. 24-30 (DL/WP metrics) & 61-67 (discussion of procedures to test accuracy of metrics and determine the form of any remedies), Dckt. M-00011468 (PA PUC Dec. 10, 2002); "Opinion and Order [on reconsideration]," Dckt. M-00011468 (PA PUC March 10, 2003).

13. Now, almost a year has passed since Cavalier submitted - in the guise of comments to an earlier revision - its request for the Commission to adopt additional DL/WP metrics and attendant remedies. See PSC Order No. 6127 at ¶ 6 (Mar. 18, 2003) (approving pending revision to DE C2C Guidelines but deferring consideration of Cavalier's request for additional metrics). In addition, the present record does not contain any clear indication of the present status of the implementation of the three DL/WP metrics in neighboring Pennsylvania. Given these factors, the Commission believes that, to the extent that Cavalier's February 2003 comments constituted a formal application to revise the DE C2C Guidelines and the DE PAP, the better procedure is to now dismiss Cavalier's application without prejudice to it being refiled. If Cavalier continues to believe that the Commission should adopt such DL/WP metrics (and attendant PAP remedies), it may submit a petition requesting such revisions utilizing the procedure set forth in Exhibit "C". Committing Cavalier to this course will not only provide the Commission with more current information about the status of these (or similar) metrics and remedies in other jurisdictions, but will also promptly set in motion a process for the Commission to obtain the views of other parties. Consequently, Cavalier's request for the adoption of additional metrics, as outlined in its comments filed February 12, 2003, is dismissed without prejudice.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, for the reasons set forth in the body of this Order, the procedures set forth in the Order and Exhibits "A" through "C" are

adopted as methods for the Commission to notice and consider proposed revisions, amendments, or modifications to the "Delaware Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards, and Reports" and the "Delaware Performance Assurance Plan" originally adopted in PSC Order No. 5983 (June 25, 2002). Such procedures are adopted informally as rules of procedure, as permitted by 29 Del. C. § 10113(b)(2). The procedures set forth in this Order and its Exhibits shall become effective twenty (20) days after the execution of this Order.

2. That, Verizon Delaware Inc., may amend the current "Delaware Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards, and Reports" and the current "Delaware Performance Assurance Plan" to make references to the procedures adopted by this Order.

3. That, to the extent the comments filed in this docket by Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC, on February 12, 2003, constituted a formal request for the Commission to make certain revisions to the "Delaware Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines, Performance Standards, and Reports" and the "Delaware Performance Assurance Plan," such request is dismissed without prejudice. Such dismissal does not preclude such request being subsequently filed as a petition under the procedures set forth in Exhibit "C".

4. That, the Commission Secretary shall promptly post a copy of this Order and its Exhibits on the Commission's Internet website under an appropriate heading.

5. That, the Commission specifically reserves the power to supercede the procedures set forth in this Order and its Exhibits in light of special or unusual circumstances, or for other good cause.

6. That, the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Order or Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae
Chair

/s/ Joshua M. Twilley
Vice Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway
Commissioner

/s/ Donald J. Puglisi
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson
Secretary

E X H I B I T "A"

**PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF THE DE C2C GUIDELINES
IN LIGHT OF CHANGES TO THE NY C2C GUIDELINES
ADOPTED BY THE NY PSC**

1. Within 30 days after Verizon submits its compliance filing to the NY PSC to implement revisions to the NY C2C Guidelines adopted by the NY PSC, VZ-DE shall submit to this Commission a "draft" of revised DE C2C Guidelines that incorporate the revisions adopted by the NY PSC. The revisions contained in this draft document may reflect alterations made to the New York PSC revisions to conform to particular Delaware systems, practices, or circumstances. The revisions to the DE C2C Guidelines shall be noted in the draft document by "redlining" or some other equivalent highlighting technique.

2. With its submission under paragraph 1, VZ-DE shall also submit a "cover" document which:

- (a) provides a citation to the Order of the NY PSC adopting the relevant revisions to the NY C2C Guidelines;
- (b) identifies each of the revisions as having been either a "consensus" or "non-consensus" proposal to the NY PSC;
- (c) specifies VZ-DE's position whether the NY PSC revisions should be adopted in Delaware;
- (d) sets forth a proposed timetable for implementing the NY PSC revisions in Delaware; and
- (e) explains what modifications have been made to the NY PSC revisions to conform the revisions to

Delaware systems, practices or other circumstances relevant to Delaware.¹

3. If VZ-DE opposes the adoption in Delaware of any of the NY PSC revisions, VZ-DE shall file with the Commission (on the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2) written comments setting forth the reasons it opposes the adoption of the NY PSC revisions in this jurisdiction.

4. On the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, VZ-DE shall serve a notice of such filing upon the DPA and all "interested entities." Such service shall be made by sending notice by Internet e-mail and by first-class United States mail. Such notice shall include:

- (a) a general description of the nature of the revisions submitted under paragraph 1 and the date of the filing;
- (b) a citation to the NY PSC Order adopting the relevant revisions in New York;
- (c) a concise description of any material changes from the NY PSC revisions made to adapt the New York revisions to Delaware-specific systems, practices or circumstances;
- (d) an announcement whether VZ-DE supports or opposes the adoption of the NY PSC revisions;
- (e) a statement that VZ-DE will supply an electronic version of its submissions (including a copy of the redlined draft document) upon request;²

¹If the NY PSC adopts a revision to the NY C2C Guidelines which VZ-DE believes has no relevance to its Delaware wholesale operations, VZ-DE shall include in its cover document a detailed explanation why VZ-DE believes the revision is inapplicable to Delaware. If VZ-DE believes that none of the NY PSC revisions have relevance to its Delaware operations, it shall include in its cover document the reasons for such assertion. In such latter case, VZ-DE need not file a redlined draft document encompassing the New York revisions until the Commission Staff directs the filing of the draft document.

- (f) a statement concerning VZ-DE's proposed date for implementing the relevant revisions in Delaware;
- (g) a notice that a person or entity may file comments, objections, or a request for further proceedings concerning the adoption of the NY PSC revisions in Delaware by a specifically identified date (30 days after the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2); and
- (h) a notice that if no person or entity (including VZ-DE) files challenges to the adoption of the revisions, then the draft revised DE C2C Guidelines will be deemed approved 45 days after the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2.

5. On or before the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, VZ-DE shall provide to the Commission Staff electronic and written copies of the notice called for by paragraph 4. Within five business days of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, the Commission Staff shall post a copy of such notice on the Commission's Internet website under an appropriate heading.

6. After service of the notices, the Commission Staff, the DPA, any "interested entity," and any other person or entity shall have the opportunity to file objections, comments, or a request for further proceedings related to the "draft" DE C2C Guidelines (incorporating the NY PSC revisions) submitted by VZ-DE. Such objections, comments, or requests should: (a) set forth any reasons the revisions adopted by the NY PSC should, or should not, be adopted in Delaware; (b) discuss whether the proposed "draft" document appropriately adapts the NY PSC revisions to Delaware; and (c) state

²Any person or entity may make a request for an electronic version in response to a particular filing or may file with the Commission and VZ-DE a "standing" request to be provided with an electronic version of the submissions made under this procedure. If delivery of an electronic version is not possible, or would work a hardship to the requesting person or entity, VZ-DE shall make available a written copy of its submissions.

whether the proposed intervals and implementation dates are appropriate.³ Such objections, comments, or requests must be filed with the Commission and served upon VZ-DE within thirty (30) days after the date of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2. Any person or entity, including the Commission Staff, the DPA, and VZ-DE, shall have the opportunity to file a reply to any previously filed objections, comments, or requests. Such a reply must be filed and served within forty (40) days after the date of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2.

7. If no person or entity files a document challenging (either as to substance or implementation date) the adoption of the "draft" DE C2C Guidelines, the proposed draft document (with its proposed implementation date) shall be deemed approved forty-five (45) days after the date of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2. After such date, VZ-DE shall file final revised DE C2C Guidelines incorporating the revisions deemed approved.

8. If any person or entity (including the Commission Staff or the DPA) files a document challenging (either as to substance or implementation date), the adoption of the revisions set forth in the "draft" DE C2C Guidelines submitted by VZ-DE, then the Commission will, by Order, determine the need for, and the course of, further proceedings for review of the revisions in the draft document. In such case, any draft revisions to the DE C2C Guidelines will not be

³If VZ-DE supports the adoption of the proposed revisions, it may also file initial comments and a request for further proceedings.

adopted for Delaware except as the Commission may direct by further Order.

E X H I B I T "B"

**PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF THE DE PAP
IN LIGHT OF CHANGES TO THE NY PAP
ADOPTED BY THE NY PSC**

1. Within 30 days after Verizon submits its compliance filing to the NY PSC to implement revisions to the NY PAP adopted by the NY PSC, VZ-DE shall submit to this Commission a "draft" copy of a revised DE PAP that incorporates the revisions adopted by the NY PSC. The revisions contained in this draft document may reflect alterations made to the New York PSC revisions to conform to particular Delaware systems, practices, or circumstances. The revisions to the DE PAP shall be noted in the draft document by "redlining" or some other equivalent highlighting technique.

2. With its submission under paragraph 1, VZ-DE shall also submit a "cover" document which:

- (a) provides a citation to the Order of the NY PSC adopting the relevant revisions to the NY PAP;
- (b) specifies VZ-DE's position whether the NY PSC revisions should be adopted in Delaware;
- (c) sets forth a proposed timetable for implementing the NY PSC revisions in Delaware; and
- (d) explains what modifications have been made to the NY PSC revisions to conform to Delaware systems, practices or other circumstances relevant to Delaware.¹

¹If the NY PSC adopts a revision to the NY PAP which VZ-DE believes has no relevance to its Delaware wholesale operations, VZ-DE shall include in its cover document a detailed explanation why VZ-DE believes the revision is inapplicable to Delaware. If VZ-DE believes that none of the NY PSC revisions have relevance to its Delaware operations, it shall include in its cover document the reasons for such assertion. In such latter case, VZ-DE need not file a redlined draft document encompassing the New York revisions until the Commission Staff directs the filing of the draft document.

3. If VZ-DE opposes the adoption in Delaware of any of the NY PSC revisions, VZ-DE shall file with the Commission (on the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2) written comments setting forth the reasons it opposes the adoption of the NY PSC revisions in this jurisdiction.

4. On the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, VZ-DE shall serve a notice of such filing upon the DPA and all "interested entities." Such service shall be made by sending notice by Internet e-mail and by first-class United States mail. Such notice shall include:

- (a) a general description of the nature of the revisions submitted under paragraph 1 and the date of the filing;
- (b) a citation to the NY PSC Order adopting the relevant revisions in New York;
- (c) a concise description of any material changes from the NY PSC revisions made to adapt the New York revisions to Delaware-specific systems, practices or circumstances;
- (d) an announcement whether VZ-DE supports or opposes the adoption of the NY PSC revisions;
- (e) a statement that VZ-DE will supply an electronic version of its submissions (including a copy of the redlined draft document) upon request;²
- (f) a statement concerning VZ-DE's proposed date for implementing the relevant revisions in Delaware; and

²Any person or entity may make a request for an electronic version in response to a particular filing or may file with the Commission and VZ-DE a "standing" request to be provided with an electronic version of the submissions made under this procedure. If delivery of an electronic version is not possible, or would work a hardship to the requesting person or entity, VZ-DE shall make available a written copy of its submissions.

- (g) a notice that a person or entity may file comments, objections, or a request for further proceedings concerning the adoption of the NY PSC revisions in Delaware by a specifically identified date (30 days after the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2).

5. On or before the date of its submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, VZ-DE shall provide to the Commission Staff electronic and written copies of the notice called for by paragraph 4. Within five business days of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2, the Commission Staff shall post a copy of such notice on the Commission's Internet website under an appropriate heading.

6. After service of the notices, the Commission Staff, the DPA, any "interested entity," and any other person or entity shall have the opportunity to file objections, comments, or a request for further proceedings related to the "draft" DE PAP (incorporating the NY PSC revisions) submitted by VZ-DE. Such objections, comments, or requests should: (a) set forth any reasons the revisions adopted by the NY PSC should, or should not, be adopted in Delaware; (b) discuss whether the proposed "draft" document appropriately adapts the NY PSC revisions to Delaware; and (c) state whether the proposed intervals and implementation dates are appropriate.³ Such objections, comments, or requests must be filed with the Commission and served upon VZ-DE within thirty (30) days after the date of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2. Any person or entity, including the Commission Staff, the DPA, and VZ-DE, shall have the opportunity to file a reply to any previously filed objections, comments, or requests. Such a

³If VZ-DE supports the adoption of the proposed revisions, it may also file initial comments and a request for further proceedings.

reply must be filed and served within forty (40) days after the date of the submissions under paragraphs 1 and 2.

7. After the close of the periods for the filing of comments and replies, the Commission will, by Order, determine the need for, and the course of, further proceedings for review of the revisions in the draft DE PAP document. In such case, any revisions to the DE PAP will not be adopted for Delaware except as the Commission may direct by further Order.

E X H I B I T "C"

PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PROPOSALS TO REVISE THE DE C2C GUIDELINES AND THE DE PAP

1. Any person or entity (including the DPA, VZ-DE, and an interested entity) may file a petition asking the Commission to make revisions, amendments, or modifications to either the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP. Such proposed revisions or modifications need not be based on any revisions or amendments adopted by the NY PSC. Any such petition shall, on the date of filing, be served on VZ-DE and the DPA.

2. In addition to complying with Rule 6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, such a petition shall:

- (a) describe in detail the proposed revision or modification, and include the specific text for any proposed revision or amendment;
- (b) set forth the reasons why the Commission should adopt such proposed revision or modification, including a recitation of the facts reflecting the need for such revision or modification;
- (c) cite any legal authority supporting the proposed revision or modification;
- (d) include a listing of all jurisdictions which have previously adopted, or are then considering, the proposed revision or modification; and
- (e) set forth a proposed implementation date for the proposed revision or modification.

3. On the date of its filing under paragraph 1, the petitioning party shall serve a notice of the filing on all "interested entities." Such service shall be made by sending notice

by both Internet e-mail and by first-class United States mail. Such notice shall include:

- (a) a general description of the nature of the filing and the date of filing;
- (b) a concise description of the revision or amendment proposed by the petition with specific reference to the affected provisions in the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP;
- (c) a statement that the petitioning party will supply an electronic or written version of its filing to any person upon request;
- (d) a statement setting forth the proposed implementation date for the revision or amendment proposed in the petition; and
- (e) a notice that a person or entity may file comments, objections, or a request for further proceedings concerning the revisions or amendments proposed in the petition by a specifically identified date (45 days after the filing).

4. On or before the date of the filing under paragraph 1, the petitioning party shall provide to the Commission Staff electronic and written copies of the notice called for by paragraph 3. Within five business days of the filing under paragraph 1, the Commission Staff shall post a copy of such notice on the Commission's Internet website under an appropriate heading.

5. After service of the notices, VZ-DE, the Commission Staff, the DPA, any "interested entity" and any other person or entity shall have the opportunity to file objections, comments, or a request for further proceedings concerning the revisions and amendments proposed by the petition. Such objections, comments, or requests must be filed with the Commission and served upon the petitioning party within forty-five (45) days after the date of filing under paragraph 1. Any

person or entity, including the petitioning party, shall have the opportunity to file a reply to any previously filed objections, comments, or requests. Such a reply must be served and filed within sixty (60) days after the date of the filing under paragraph 1.

6. After the close of the period for the submission of objections, comments, requests, and replies, the Commission will, by Order, determine whether further proceedings are appropriate and, if so, the course of such proceedings. In such a situation, the DE C2C Guidelines or the DE PAP will not be revised or modified except as the Commission may direct by further Order.